

Remarks

Claims 1-3 and 6-8 are pending. Applicants submit herewith Replacement Drawing Sheets which have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. Applicants have also amended the specification in accordance with the amended figures. No new matter has been added, and no new material presented that would necessitate an additional search on the part of the Examiner.

Upon entry of this Amendment and Response, claims 1-3 and 6-8 remain pending.

Objections

Drawings

The Examiner indicated that the application is in condition for allowance except for objections to the drawings. The drawings were objected to because, according to the Examiner, the blank boxes in Figures 2-4 must be labeled.

In response, Applicants submit herewith Replacement Drawing Sheets in which the blank boxes in Figures 2-4 have been labeled in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion.

The drawings were further objected to because, according to the Examiner, the claimed linearization element must be shown in the drawings or this feature must be canceled from the claims.

In response, Applicants submit herewith Replacement Drawing Sheets in which the linearization element has been shown in the drawings.

Finally, the drawings were also objected to as failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(5) because, according to the Examiner, they include a reference character (i.e., numeral 6) which is not mentioned in the description.

In response, Applicants submit herewith Replacement Drawing Sheets in which numeral 6 has been deleted.

In view of these Replacement Drawing Sheets, Applicants respectfully request that the objections to the drawings be withdrawn.

Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding these remarks, the Examiners are invited and encouraged to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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